

**St. Michael the Archangel
Parish Council Minutes
January 13, 2010 - 7:30 pm**

Council members present: Jack Boumeester, Ed Carey, Randy Fortuin, Kathy Mallach, Randy Perlis, Jamie Roles III, Peter Smith, Tom Werzyn

Excused council members: Phil Duran, Mary Ann Kendrick, Tim Shively

Absent: Perry Monkelein

Admin. members present: Evelina Fortajada, Judith Guyre, Catherine Miller, Ginnie Taylor

Opening Prayer: Randy Perlis

Fr. Jim: Representatives of the Pre-School will attend the February council meeting. Be thinking ahead with any questions you may have.

A major topic of discussion this evening centers on how best to make our parents aware of the need for their taking responsibility for the safety of their children - even at church.

It is our responsibility to provide a reasonably safe environment but again the parents need to ensure the safety of their own children. We must get the message across to them that children should not be allowed to roam the halls of our facility without parental supervision. Not during Mass, coffee and donuts nor any other time.

The community needs to hear this message not only from me but you as council members need to bring this issue of concern to their attention as well. How do we manage this? Possible ways:

- A) Have Parish Council members speak at the Masses about the care of children.
- B) Include inserts in the bulletin focusing on safety issues.
- C) Put information on the website.
- D) Encourage blog dialogues.
- E) Send home a flyer with the Youth Group, Pre-School and Religious Ed children.

A set of bullet points should be developed for the council members who will speak at the Masses so that all are on the same page.

Council members who volunteered to create the bullets or presentation include: Kathy M., Randy F., Randy P., and Tom W.

The first presentation should be a generality to help moms, dads and friends become aware of our concern for the safety of their children. We do not want to create a place of fear or negativity.

Fr. Jim passed a document around to make council members more aware of the works of charity taking place at St. Michael's Parish.

A question is often asked as to why Aurora Interfaith was chosen to receive food donations over Catholic Charities - see page 3 of the document.

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A concern was mentioned at the last meeting about a leaking urinal - valves are being replaced. It is difficult to get parts for aging equipment.

No information has as yet been received from the Archdiocese with regard to the education subsidy plan.

No steps have yet been taken but will be addressed in the near future as to what we can do about furthering the students in the Religious Education Program.

If you have not done so, please e-mail Ginnie asap (ginnie_glenn@comcast.net) with the five things you think would be helpful to increasing your understanding of the parish and parish life. She will collate your suggestions so that your responses may direct us as to some presentations to be scheduled.

Next meeting: February 10, 2010 - 7:30 pm. Members of the Pre-School will make a presentation.
Reminder: Plan ahead with any questions you may want to ask.